

CITY OF MOUNT VERNON

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MARCH 2022 NEWSLETTER



Upcoming City Services

Spring Cemetery Clean-Up

To facilitate Spring Clean-Up at the Mount Vernon Cemetery please remove all arrangements you wish to save before April 18, 2022. New arrangements can be placed on April 23, 2022.

Hydrant Flushing

The City will be flushing water mains through the fire hydrants during the week of April 11, 2022. The water may become rusty or discolored but will clear up shortly after the flushing process is over.

Brush Pick-Up

Brush collection will begin on the 4th Monday of each month beginning in March and ending in November. City crews will start brush collection in the NW quadrant on Monday of brush collection week. Crews will move to the NE quadrant on Tuesday, SW quadrant on Wednesday and will finish up with the SE quadrant on Thursday of collection week. Please have brush curbside by 7:00 am on the day that City crews will be in your quadrant for pick up.

Street Sweeping

Street sweeping will begin the week after the first brush collection. This year that date will be April 4, 2022. Street sweeping will follow the same quadrant map that brush collection follows but the days will be different. Monday April 4th the city will start on the NW quadrant and spend two to three days in that quadrant, then move to the NE quadrant and spend the remainder of the first week there. The week of April 11th will be designated for the south side of town. Starting Monday April 11th sweeping will begin in the SW quadrant and take two to three days. Then sweeping will move to the SE quadrant for the remainder of the week.

Spring Leaf Pick Up

Beginning the week of April 18, 2022 the City will start its two week cycle of leaf pick up. Leaf collection routes are as follows: The leaf vacuum trailer will start Monday of each collection week in the southwest quadrant then move to the southeast, from there it will move to the northeast and finish in the northwest quadrant. It will take roughly 1-2 days per quadrant depending on leaf load that week. If the vacuum truck is ahead of schedule it will move to the next quadrant ahead of schedule.

You can find complete guidelines for brush pick-up, street sweeping and leaf pick-up on the City website under the "City Services" tab www.cityofmtvernon-ia.gov

Community Development Group-Upcoming Events

Easter Egg Dash,
April 16, 10:00 am

Uptown Clean-Up Day,
Mt Vernon
April 30, 8:00 am to 1:00 pm
Check in at City Hall



MAY 7th & 8th

Cornell Commencement
May 8

Mt Vernon & Lisbon High School
Graduations
May 22

Memorial Day Parade and
Ceremony
May 30

Chocolate Stroll, Mt Vernon
June 4

Mt Vernon/Lisbon Citywide
Garage Sales
June 11

Mt Vernon/Lisbon Day at the
Kernels
June 26

4th of July Antique Nitty Gritty
**July 4, Annual antiques
festival is on! 7:00 am to
4:00 pm**

Heritage Days
July 7-9

**For additional information on these
events please contact Community
Development Director, Joe
Jennison, at 319-210-9935 or go to
www.visitmvl.com**

Trash Service Change

Beginning July 1, 2022, city trash collection will be transitioning away from the tag program and moving to a toter (supplied containers) system with Republic Services. The city is currently working with Republic Services to disseminate a number of informational brochures/letters to assist in this transition, one of which was mailed out in the past week. There will be three options for solid waste toter service and two options for recycling. The most inexpensive option for residents will be a 35 gallon (23 ¾" x 19 ¾" x 38 ¼") solid waste toter collected bi-weekly and a 65 gallon (31 ½" x 24 ¼" x 41 ¾") recycling toter collected weekly, for \$23.07 a month (this amount includes the \$10.50 city fee currently collected monthly). The most expensive option for residents will be a 95 gallon (35 ½" x 29 ¾" x 43 ¼") toter collected once a week and a 95 gallon recycling toter collected once a week. This option will run residents \$27.42 per month (this amount includes the \$10.50 city fee currently collected monthly). The default option will be a 65 gallon solid waste container collected weekly and a 65 gallon recycling container collected weekly. Please return the "Toter Request Form" as soon as possible as an exchange fee will be charged to residents wanting to change container sizes after the initial delivery has been made. The 65 and 95 gallon toters are on display in City Hall for those residents that would like to see them in person. There will also be a yard waste option available for those residents that wish to have pick-up done.

Sidewalk Program

The city-led sidewalk project will go out for bid this spring with the intentions of construction starting this fall. Property owners completing repair work themselves or privately contracting out the work must have repairs finished by this fall. A separate mailing will be sent out this spring to residents in the SE quadrant with information regarding sidewalk repairs. Residents in the NE and NW quadrants will be sent a final reminder to finish their repairs if they did not join the city-led project. Please contact City Planner, Laura Eckles, with any questions or concerns at 319-895-8742 ext. 104 or leckles@cityofmtvernon-ia.gov

Tree Replanting Program

City council and city staff are working on a spring tree replanting program for city right-of-ways and public parks. The plan will call on the city to plant 50 trees annually to recoup the loss of trees from The Midwest Derecho of 2020. The city will focus on the SW quadrant this year. More information will be distributed this spring with an opportunity for volunteers to help with these tree plantings. Please contact City Planner, Laura Eckles, with any questions or concerns at 319-895-8742 ext. 104 or leckles@cityofmtvernon-ia.gov

Lester Buresh Center Spring Programs

EASTER EGGSTRAVAGANZA, April 15, 2022 3:30-5:30 pm (All ages)

Free to LBC members or daily admission fee for non-members. No registration required.

Try out a variety of eggstraordinary ways to dye Easter eggs! Eggsperiment decorating with dyes, glue, glitter, crayons, rice, and shaving cream. This is a self-guided activity. Children 10 and under must be accompanied by an adult. Decorating supplies are provided. **Bring your own hard boiled eggs.**

Women's Self Defense, April 25, 2022 6:30-8:30 pm (Age 14+)

Free to everyone (must pre-register)

This basic self-defense class teaches techniques to help prepare you in case of an assault. This class will discuss situational awareness and safety. Participants will be instructed on basic striking and ground defense and will practice these skills. Please wear athletic clothing. A signed waiver form is required to participate. Instruction is provided by Mt. Vernon-Lisbon Police Officer Todd Gehrke.

For a complete list of programs at the LBC, please visit their website at www.theLBC.com

2022 SWIM LESSON DATES

SWIM LESSON SIGN UP DATES

*Saturday, April 16th
7:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.
*Sunday, April 24th
1:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
*Thursday, April 21st
3:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

LOCATION: Lester Buresh Center.

GROUP LESSONS

#1 May 30-June 10
5:05 p.m. to 5:50 p.m.
#2 June 6-June 17
11:00 a.m. to 11:45 a.m.
#3 June 20-July 1
10:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.
#4 July 11-July 22
10:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.
#5 July 18-July 29
5:05 p.m. to 5:50 p.m.
#6 July 25-August 5
10:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.
45 minutes in length and for children 6 yrs and up

TADPOLES

#1 June 13-June 17
5:15 p.m.
#2 June 20-June 24
5:15 p.m.
#3 June 27-July 1
5:15 p.m.
#4 July 11-July 15
5:15 p.m.
#5 July 18-July 22
12:00 p.m.
#6 August 1-August 5
5:15 p.m.

30 Minutes in length and for ages 3-5 yrs

PARENT/INFANT

June 20-June 24
6:00-6:30 p.m.
July 18-July 22
6:00-6:30 p.m.

**For children 6 months to 3 yrs-
one parent must be in water with
child during this session**

SATURDAY MORNING LESSONS

May 28-July 2
10:30-11:15 a.m. Group Lessons
10:30-11:00 a.m. Tadpoles

**(Make up day will be July 16th if
any lessons are missed)**

ADULT LESSONS (14 and Older)

Tuesday and Thursday evening 5:45-6:30 p.m. beginning July 26 and ending August 11

**Remaining spaces will go online on
Wednesday, April 27th at 9:00 a.m.**